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TO: AMBASSADOR GEORGE HUSH
USLO PEKING

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. PLEASE REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAN AND CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

2. THE U.S. SIDE HAS RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED THE CHINESE SIDE'S REPLY OF NOVEMBER 4 TO OUR MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 1. REGARDING THE DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT FULLY EXCHANGED VIEWS AND UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S POSITION. HE CAN FURTHER EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, THE U.S. SIDE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE PRECISE DATE OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE EXCEPT TO MAKE POSSIBLE APPROPRIATE PLANNING FOR THE VISIT. THE LAST POSSIBLE DATE IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE NOVEMBER 13, SINCE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE LEAVING FOR EUROPE THE NEXT DAY. THIS IS ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON FOR PEKING.

4. ASSUMING THIS DATE IS AGREEABLE TO THE CHINESE

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SIDE, WE WOULD MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT NOON WASHINGTON TIME ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AND USE THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 1975.

5. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH OUR PLANNING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT ON THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 13 FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT.

6. REGARDING THE CHINESE SIDE'S SUGGESTION THAT THE ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 16, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD PREFER THAT THE PARTY ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 19 AND REMAIN IN PEKING UNTIL THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO THE CHINESE SIDE, WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCE PARTY AT A LATER DATE.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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